



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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## **COUNTY RECEIVES POLLUTION CONTROL AWARD FROM STATE** ***Grants Will Expand Stormwater Controls at COC and San Pasqual Academy***

The County Board of Supervisors today accepted State of California Water Resources Control Board grants totaling \$2.25 million to expand and upgrade innovative pollution control techniques at the County Operations Center (COC) in Kearny Mesa and to improve water quality and supply, while providing natural flood control protection, at San Pasqual Academy (SPA), the County-owned and managed residence and school for high school students in the foster care system. The County will be contributing \$750,000 of matching funds to meet the requirements of the State Water Board grants and increase the available funding to \$3 million.

"The County of San Diego is a leader in finding ways to make our facilities cleaner and more efficient," said Chairman of the Board and Fifth District Supervisor Bill Horn. "I appreciate the leadership of Supervisor Greg Cox in working on natural flood control protection at San Pasqual Academy. This grant will help the County implement practical ways to achieve our goal of clean water in our region."

The County has been developing treatment and pollution controls at the COC for the past two years through a previous award from the State and County matching funds. The County has successfully installed about 63,000 square feet (approximately 1.5 acres) of porous pavement, a stormwater pre-treatment system, and a media filtration treatment unit at the site, which helped eliminate runoff and associated pollutants from the 17-acre site.

The new grant, to be implemented before the end of the year, will install an additional 60,000 square feet of porous asphalt at the COC, some with fiber reinforcement to increase water filtration. In addition, the treatment controls will be enhanced to target stubborn pollutants such as hydrocarbons, heavy metals, organics, and phosphorous.

The other grant will be used at SPA to create a natural bio-filtration channel to filter silt-laden discharge from an adjacent valley and improve water quality, as well as a porous surface parking lot in the central campus to reduce stormwater runoff and re-charge the ground water.

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